GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. - Greening Andhra Pradesh and Drought Mitigation - Involving citizens for Massive Afforestation - "One plant per citizen"- Planting of 25 crore seedlings - Orders – Issued

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 81 **Dated: 05-08-2019.**

Read the following:

1) G.O.Rt.No.70, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., Dated.24.05.2018.
2) From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.No.Rc,No.4122/2019/NC.2, Dt:12.07.2019.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh in the reference 2nd read above, Government hereby decide to take up massive afforestation activities in the State in order to make the State drought proof and climate resilient. To achieve this, Government hereby issue the following directions:

- All District Collectors are to prepare District Level Action Plan by involving all the line departments and take up planting in the Districts utilizing seedlings available. The Divisional Forest Officer (Social Forestry) would act as the Nodal Officer and will co-ordinate with other line departments and assist Districts Collectors in preparing the Action Plan. All the Head of Departments of the line departments would ensure implementation of the action Plan for the current planting season with planting 25 crore seedlings, which is the State Target.

- With special emphasis on involvement of citizen in planting activity a minimum of "one plant per citizen" is the goal involving all the 5 crore citizens of the State. The Forest Department and some of the line departments have raised seedlings which are ready for distribution/utilization for the current season.

- The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department shall make necessary arrangements for distribution of seedlings for the above purpose and link it through MGNREGS as may be required.

- The Municipal Administration Department shall make necessary arrangements for distribution of seedlings in the wards.

- Priority shall be given for planting in Schools, Colleges, institutional premises, degraded forest lands, hillocks and other forest areas on a large scale. Care should be taken for planting Non-browsable hardy species of good quality.

- Avenue and Median plantation should be taken up covering all National Highways, State Highways, District and Panchayat Roads. The National Highways Authority of India(NHAI), Roads and Building Department, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department to take up these plantations.

- Plantation should be taken up along the canal bunds and tank foreshore (TFS) by Irrigation and Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Departments.

- Companies/ Industries are to be involved in tree planting and maintenance using Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds on a large scale. Provision of tree guards and water tankers can be the major components under CSR.

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- Measures should be taken for protecting seedlings planted and its proper maintenance. The responsibility of seedlings planted lies with department raising the plantations.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, shall coordinate with all the Head of Departments of the line departments to ensure implementation of the Action Plan for the current planting season with planting 25 crore seedlings, which is the State Target.

3. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department shall make necessary arrangements for distribution of seedlings for the above purpose and link it through MGNREGS.

4. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration Department, shall make arrangements for distribution of seedlings in the wards.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the District Collectors.
All Heads of all Government Departments.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
The Commissioner, PR&RD Department, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration Department, Guntur.
The Commissioner of School Education/Intermediate Education, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner Collegiate Education.
All Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Heads of Autonomous Institutions.
Commissioner of all Urban Local Bodies in the State.
The Chief Executive Officers of all Public Sector Enterprises.

Copy to:

The Chief Secretary to Government.
Communications Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
The Principal Secretaries/Additional and Joint Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
The OSD / PS to all Hon'ble Ministers with a request to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Ministers.
Secretary to the State Legislature.
All Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests/DFOs in the State.
All Project Directors of DRDAs and DWAMA in the State.
The P.S to Spl.Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Dept.,

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SECTION OFFICER